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# Secretary's Report

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## Annual Meeting

Due to the evolving factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly with regard to the rising trajectory of the delta variant and its impact on the urology community, the AUA Board of Directors made the difficult but necessary decision to make the 2021 AUA Annual Meeting a fully online, virtual experience to take place September 10-13, 2021. This is only the sixth time in AUA's history that the AUA has not held the Annual Meeting in person. The meeting was cancelled four times due to wars and was held virtually in 2020 and again in 2021.

The AUA staff and physician leaders worked diligently to transform a hybrid meeting to a fully virtually one in three weeks, offering the same vibrant programming the urology community has come to expect from the AUA. The virtual meeting included a robust offering of learning and engagement, including educational programming, abstracts, keynotes, surgical videos and space to connect with sponsors, exhibitors, and educators from across the globe. In addition to participating in the live virtual event, all attendees will have access to on-demand recordings through the end of the year.

Moving our hybrid meeting to a fully online format presented us with the unique opportunity to spotlight the best of what the online modality affords – meaningful collaboration and the ability to connect with colleagues around the world. We recognize the AUA Annual Meeting is a major global event for the urology community and preparing for a meeting of this magnitude involves the time and talent of a great many of our physician volunteers, speakers and exhibitors. We are incredibly grateful for their time and commitment.

## Membership

The AUA remains a premier urological association with over 24,000 members throughout the world who share a common mission. In the last 10 months (October 2020 – July 2021) we welcomed 2,119 new members to the AUA. With our membership continuing to grow during a very difficult time throughout the world, it is clear now more than ever that the urology community relies on us to lead the field in terms of education, research and advocacy.

It was also especially exciting to welcome hundreds of future urologists via the 2020 Urology Residency Match. Nearly 528 applicants wishing to specialize in urology registered for this year's Urology Residency Match. 100% of vacancies were matched and this year's Urology Match was another paramount year for females, as a record-setting 120 of the 141 female participants (85%) matched.